

# SR 520 Tolling Highlights

- Avg. 70,000 daily trips
- More than 18 million toll transactions since Dec. 29, 2011
- 96 percent of all tolls paid within 80 days
- Approx. \$50 million in gross toll revenue

## Good To Go!

- More than 384,000 active Good To Go! accounts
- 691,000 active Good To Go! passes



## SR 520 tolling: One year later

In December 2011, WSDOT started tolling the existing facility to provide over \$1 billion for new, safer bridge and to manage congestion. So far traffic and revenue are right on target with forecast. We're also seeing SR 520 drivers save an average of five minutes on their trip across the lake.

## Indicators of success: Exceeding goals

WSDOT forecasted that 72 percent of trips across the bridge in the first year of tolling would be paid with *Good To Go!* accounts. Currently, approximately 84 percent of all toll trips are made by *Good To Go!* account holders (72 percent pass and 12 percent Pay By Plate).

#### Traffic: We've reached a new normal

- Toll daily volume is generally at or above projected levels. Travel times are about five minutes shorter on average during the peaks.
- Weekday traffic volume on I-90 is approximately 11 percent higher.
  Travel times during peak periods are about one to two minutes longer.
- Weekday volume traffic volumes across Lake Washington are approximately 5 percent lower than pre-tolls.

### Tolling as a congestion management tool

SR 520 tolling is showing variable tolling is a valuable traffic management tool. Drivers are adjusting their trips to take advantage of lower toll rates during the off-peak hours.

## Transit ridership continues to grow across Lake Washington

Before the start of tolling, King County Metro Transit and Sound Transit added 140 daily bus trips across SR 520, bringing weekday service to nearly 750 bus trips on 19 routes today. Estimated daily ridership through September 2012 was nearly 19,000 – up a total of 25 percent since 2010, including a 9 percent increase since 2011.

### Looking ahead

We anticipate traffic and revenue will continue to meet projections. Toll rates are scheduled to increase in July 2013 as the second of four planned 2.5 percent annual rate increases through 2015. The Washington State Transportation Commission will review the rate increases over the next several months and decide if any adjustments are necessary.

## For more information SR 520 tolling

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